

HAYES carried twenty-one out of the thirty-eight states and a majority of the electoral votes.

As double-headed governments are to be the order of the day, why should not the democrats in all the republican states inaugurate some fellow as governor, and let them issue proclamations and things? Tilden certainly ought to see this.

The people of this country cannot afford to go to war for the purpose of inaugurating a president and vice president who have been defeated by the electoral colleges. Their safety lies in standing by the constitution and the terms of law.

The constitution says the electoral votes shall be counted, not rejected or thrown out. It also says "the persons having the greatest number of votes for president shall be president, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed." Hayes has the greatest number and a majority.

It is announced from Springfield that a call has been issued for a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee in that city on the 21st inst. No such call having been issued or authorized by Mr. McCormick, Chairman of the Committee, it is understood that the chief purpose of the meeting is to depose that gentleman and elect as his successor somebody who has less of prudence and moderation, and who more satisfactorily represents the excitable and sanguinary wing of the Illinois Democracy.

Though congress has been in session two weeks, the house has not yet admitted the newly elected member from Colorado, nor the gentleman elected by 7,000 majority to fill a vacancy in South Carolina. This is a gratuitous outrage upon these gentlemen and the constituencies which they have been elected to represent. More than this, it indicates clearly the intention of the democratic majority in the house to sacrifice every principle of justice to carrying out their unconstitutional scheme of objecting to the count of the electoral vote as it has been returned. Both these gentlemen are entitled to their seats, which are not contested; but to admit one would be to recognize the status of Colorado as a state of the Union, and to admit the other would be to recognize the authority of the South Carolina Returning Board. Though both these facts are incontestable under the law, the democrats of the house evince their desperation in this preliminary notice that they will contest nevertheless. That they are wronging certain individuals seems to cause them no more concern than the deliberate contemplation of a gigantic national crime.

GRANT has been telling Senator Gordon this story, which is not the worse for having been told before: "When the three commissioners met us at Fortress Monroe Mr. Stephens came swaddled up from top to toe in an enormous overcoat. Lincoln called me aside as he was disrobing and observed 'Grant, what does that performance of Stephens remind you of?' I answered, 'Mr. President, I do not know. But what does it remind you of?' With one of his queer winks Lincoln said: 'It reminds me of the biggest shucks off of the smallest ear I ever saw in all my life.'"

The New York Tribune has made a number of Tilden's friends feel uncomfortable by publishing the following:

There was one pretty badly worsted Democrat in Washington the other day. He was blustering about, declaring that the House would not allow Hayes to be elected if Tilden were not, but would prefer to have the President of the Senate fill the office. An Illinois Republican Congressman quietly remarked that the Illinois Legislature will be in session at that time, and if necessary will elect U. S. Grant to succeed Senator Logan, whose term expires March 3, in order that the Senate might make him President pro tem. The bare possibility of such an event made the Democrat shudder.

The German School Association, at their last meeting, elected Mr. Shlaudemann President, in place of H. Metz, resigned. Parents who wish to send their children to this school, can obtain the necessary information and cards of admittance by calling on Theo. Hildebrandt, or on the president, Mr. Shlaudemann, or at the school.

Respectfully, E. C. BAKER, Sec.
Dec. 18-19
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A DULL DAY IN COLUMBIA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Times has the following from its special correspondent:

Columbia, December 16.—This has been a dull day in Columbia. The legislature had a brief session. The democratic senators are still in their seats, and the bill to punish parties engaged in an attempt to set up a state government in opposition to the legitimate government passed the lower house. Hampton's assembly met again in Carolina Hall, had another ballot for U. S. senator, gave notice of a few bills and adjourned. They cannot elect a U. S. Senator until they get a senate, and in the meantime they ballot for amusement. It is reported again today that the democratic senators will concede and go over to Carolina Hall on Monday, but their future programme, if they have any, is kept a secret. They find the same state of affairs existing here that they did in Mississippi.

Testimony was taken today relative to the Hamburg massacre. There is abundant evidence that the Hamburg affair was premeditated, and the beginning of a concerted plan to carry South Carolina by intimidation. The committee expect to be here about three weeks. The house committee have become thoroughly convinced that their mission here must prove an abortion, but they have not the manliness to go back to congress and say so. I am constantly urged to contradict lies that are sent north from here. I might fill a column with such contradictions in every issue of the Times, but it will not pay.

AFTER a separation of one year, Alonzo Hayward, of San Francisco, and his devoted wife have been remarried. They were first married thirty years ago. In 1851 they moved to the Pacific coast. Their domestic troubles began four years ago, when Mr. Hayward fell under the influence of the Spiritualists, and was persuaded to put away his wife. On the division of the property, when the divorce was granted, Mrs. Hayward obtained as her share property estimated to be worth at least \$2,500,000, while her husband retained about \$4,000,000 worth. The statement that the second marriage has been brought about in consequence of the recent financial misfortune of Mr. Hayward is contradicted. He retains all his old property, and has been very fortunate in speculation of late; moreover, the titles of his wife's estates still rest with her, and will not be altered.

SENATOR SHARON, of Nevada, is now living at Mr. Ralston's old home a few miles from San Francisco. On being questioned recently as to the truth of the report that he was intending to resign his seat in the United States Senate, in order to devote his attention exclusively to his business, he said that he had at one time entertained such a thought, but had since dismissed it. He feels that his duty to his constituents particularly requires him to retain his seat at the present juncture. He will go to Washington about the 23d inst. Being further interrogated on general subjects, he said that Mrs. Ralston and her two daughters were preparing to take up their residence in Europe for some years. He contradicted the statement that his Palace-Hotel venture has been financially disastrous.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The following were the points brought out on cross examination of witnesses before the committee yesterday:

Henry Carroll said he was a milkman, and that his customers were white people. He believed he should be rewarded for voting the democratic ticket. He thought if the democrats triumphed times would be easier, and his customers would pay him sooner for his milk.

Letty and I never made any charge against my assassins. They had me arrested, but the case has not yet been heard.

Ward said he had been elected to the legislature in 1872 by the republicans, but did not serve his second term, because he was turned out. He said the republicans illegally put him in the house for the second term, and that they illegally turned him out. He said he had been shot at several times by the republicans after that. He said he was a republican when shot at. He also said his life was in danger last summer, on account of his being a witness in a bribery case, and that he left the state and was absent six months. He said further that he had promised to canvass the state for the democrats if they would pay him. He said before making that agreement, I called on the republican executive committee and proposed to canvass the state for the republicans, but they said they did not want me.

Monan said: I told the gentleman I was willing to testify, and he wrote it down. He was in the office of Colonel Patton, chairman of the democratic committee. I have been advised to leave the city by Anderson, who said I need expect nothing from the republican party. My interest in being in the custom house, when affidavits were made for the Returning Board, was to learn their secrets and use them to make them put me back in my place in the custom house.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

PRESIDENT ORTON LIABLE TO ARREST FOR RESISTING CONGRESS.

Democratic Plots in South Carolina Exposed.

Hampton's Adherents Cannot Agree on a Plan of Action.

THE DEAD SPEAKER EULOGIZED.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The Times has the following dispatch from Florida:

TALLAHASSEE, December 16.—The State Canvassers, through their counsel, Judge C. P. Munson, formerly of Detroit, filed their answer to the alternative writ. Counsel for the Democratic candidates moved to strike out the whole answer. This the Court refused to do, but ordered the answer to be so amended as to show the facts not in evidence upon which the canvassers acted in the rejection of returns of certain precincts. The amended answer will be made on Monday at 10 o'clock. The portion of the Congressional Committee at work here concluded their investigation as to the alleged Republican frauds in Leon county today. They were told by Democrats that great frauds had been committed, and that an examination of the election proceedings would bring to light facts that would vitiate and overthrow the election in this county with its 2,160 Republican majority. Believing the representations of the Democrats, the committee have spent a week over one county, and are rewarded by finding all the evidence of rascality on the side of Democrats. The Democratic members of the committee are disgusted. They find, like the Northern Democrats who came here upon the representations of the State Democratic Committee to witness the State canvass, and expecting to find a majority for Tilden, that they have been deceived, and that there is no reliance to be placed on reliable Democratic politicians. Over 100 colored men, who have been turned out of their homes or out of employment, and otherwise maltreated since the election, for voting the Republican ticket, were in the city to give their evidence, but the committee did not want any such evidence, and did not secure it. A certificate was produced to-day which was signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the County Democratic Committee, and which was given to a colored man named Jones, who had voted the Democratic ticket. The certificate recommended him to the favorable consideration of all Democratic planters and storekeepers as a good laborer. Jones, it was found, is a minor, and has not been in the county four months. He was bribed to swear that he was of age, and entitled to vote. The portion of the committee who went to Jefferson County, returned to day, and unanimously report that they have been unable to discover any evidence of fraud in the election. This condition of things is disheartening to the Democrats, and it is reported the House Committee will leave for Jacksonville Tuesday. From appearances, the committee are going to investigate the Democratic counties. They will take it for granted that in these the election has been conducted properly. The Senate committee arrived this morning at 10 o'clock, and spent the day in looking over the situation. They will be ready for work on Monday.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 17.—The house investigating committee last night concluded their effort to discover a flaw in the precinct returns which should change the electoral vote as declared by the board of state canvassers. They have proven enough to open the door for a legitimate and fair increase of the republican majority for both the state and electoral tickets. The democrats on the committee, just before adjournment, last night, had the assurance to propose no further testimony be taken here, but that the committee divide itself into three sub-committees and go out to different parts of the state fishing for evidence. The object of this was two-fold: First, to prevent the introduction by republicans of witnesses already here, whose testimony would increase the republican majorities, and second, to try to work up evidence to offset the proofs which they know are to be brought before the senate committee. Gen. Banks protested most earnestly against closing the investigation of the senate committee here before republicans had had a chance to call a single witness, when it was known that some had been summoned from long distances, and were now in Columbia waiting to testify.

Nothing is yet known as to what the Hampton pretended government intends to do. They are divided in their counsels, and can not agree on any definite or consistent plan of action. The Charleston Aegis berates them daily for their blunders, and advises them what to do, but its advice goes unheeded. It is announced that Simpson will soon move to get possession of the Lieutenant Governorship by a writ of quo warranto. Meantime, the regular government goes on smoothly, and every day tends to increase the strength of its legitimacy and stability in the minds of the people. The question is some-

times asked: What time did Gov. Chamberlain assume the office of governor by virtue of his last election, and whether he is recognized at Washington as governor elect or governor holding over? The constitution of South Carolina does not designate any specific day when a new governor shall take his seat, but provides that the existing governor shall hold office until his successor is duly qualified. It makes the legislature the canvassers of the vote for governor, and after they have declared who is elected, the inauguration may take place whenever it is convenient. The legislature is required to convene on the last Tuesday in November. This year, it convened on the 28th of that month, canvassed the vote, declared Chamberlain elected, and he was inaugurated December 7th. The constitution has been strictly complied with at every step. Chamberlain is now governor, serving his second term.

A negro was murdered on a passenger car coming from Augusta to this place on Friday, and the body tumbled into a ditch. Three or four white men were engaged in the deed. The pretense was that he used profane language in the presence of the wife of one of the white men. A drummer from New York was in the car at the time, and gave the facts to the Union Herald here. He says he heard no profane language used by the negro, although he sat between the negro and the lady, and it is suspected here that the negro was a witness on his way here to testify before the senate committee. The committee think of investigating the matter.

HOUSE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, '76.
Mr. (Soblescher's amendment to the post office appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation for transportation of mails on star routes was agreed to, 90 to 66. The bill then passed without division. The Speaker presented Morrison's telegram from New Orleans, and president Orton's refusal to produce the originals of the Western Union dispatches.

Mr. Wood rose to offer a resolution, saying he believed the House would speedily vindicate its rights and privileges.

Mr. Hoar made a point of order that the resolution being founded on a report made to the House by telegraph, was not in order.

The Speaker overruled the point, declaring it was a question of privilege. Mr. Wood's resolution was read. It moves the reference of Morrison's telegram to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report at the earliest practicable moment what action the House should take in the premises.

Mr. Kasson again pressed floor's point of order, but the Speaker affirmed his previous ruling, remarking his position seemed entirely correct. The resolution then passed without discussion or division and the special order was taken up and eulogies on the late Speaker Kerr delivered.

Mr. Hamilton (Indiana) made the first oration, mentioning Kerr as a man who could have led a forlorn hope or created popular opinion, and gone a martyr to the stake for principle. Who stood out immaculate as a tall palm tree in the moral desert of the age.

Mr. Kelley (Pennsylvania) made the next speech, characterizing Mr. Kerr as a whole-souled and courageous, who loathed demagoguery.

Other speeches were made by Raymond, Monroe, Holman, Buchard, (Illinois) and Cox. The latter stated that Kerr, on his death bed told him death had no terrors for him. He believed a just life on earth would give him his reward.

After Cox closed, McCrary, Clymer, Atkins, Hereford, Knott, Vance (Ohio) and Carr spoke. The latter offered a resolution expressing the profoundest sorrow, and directing the Speaker's chair be draped the remainder of the session, and representatives wear mourning. Adopted and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Representative Stevens, of Georgia, over his own signature, says the statement that he is advising friendly acceptance by the people of the south of the inauguration of Hayes, is unfounded.

Speaker Randall and several other leading democrats are known to favor sessions of the house during holiday week, and their views have been strengthened by Representative Morrison's telegram from New Orleans, urging that in view of possible need of exercise of the power of the house against contumacious witnesses, the usual holiday recess should not be taken.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 17.—The republicans of Bloomington held a very enthusiastic meeting last evening. Durley Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The interest manifested in the meeting was just as intense as that which characterized those held during the early part of the campaign. Able and eloquent speeches were made by Hon. Thos. F. Mitchell, General Ira J. Thoms, Capt. J. H. Rowell, Hon. John F. Winter, Dr. J. A. Sewall, Prof. J. O. Wilson, General McNelly, Judge P. T. Tipple, and other prominent republicans of the thirteenth congressional district. The sense of the meeting evidently was the feeling that the election of Hayes and Wheeler was a sure thing, and the better judgment of the people would counsel peace and the inauguration of the republican candidates.

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Dec. 13-19

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—The action of the House to-day, in directing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into and report upon the refusal of the President of the Western Union Telegraph Company to furnish dispatches to the Louisiana and other investigating committees, means simply this, that it is the intention of the Democratic members to vote to compel the production of such telegrams as are required, or else commit President Orton to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms for confinement in the lock-up at the Capital, instead of the common Jail of the District, where he is liable to be released, as Kilbourn was last session.

There is a very decided prospect that the whole question, in all its various phases, of the counting of the Electoral vote will be under consideration by a joint committee of the two Houses by Wednesday next at the farthest. Senator Edmunds stated to-day that the Senate would, on Monday, concur in his opinion, without debate or even division, on the proposition of the House for such a committee, to agree on a mode of declaring the vote which will be satisfactory to both parties. In and out of Congress an expectation of the practice of joint convention shows that the preliminary of concurrent action has been the rule rather than the exception. Thus far not a single objection has been raised to it. The complete record found in the journals of the two Houses, and the verbatim reports of the Joint Conventions which have counted the Electoral vote ever since the foundation of the Government, have been compiled for the use of Congress and the committees, and there will be no delay in getting at work at the earliest practicable moment. A conclusion, it is said, can be reached, after the fullest conference, by the middle of January.

Orton arrived here, to-night, to confer with counsel and appear before the Judiciary Committee. Ex-Senator Henderson, Col. Broadhead, and others, arrived from St. Louis, to-day, to look after the settlement of the Electoral vote.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 17.—For ten days past the Morgan circuit court has been occupied in the trial of the State of Illinois vs. the T. W. & W. R. R. Co. This was a suit brought by the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners against said company for alleged extortionate charges for transporting passengers and freight. The amount sued for was \$10,000. Yesterday afternoon the jury returned a verdict against the company for \$1,250. From this verdict the company takes an appeal to the supreme court. The expense incurred by the state in the suit will not fall much short of \$20,000.

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J. P. Marsh is giving such bargains

in boots and shoes as were never known

before in Decatur. He is also giving

splendid fits in fine boots made to order.

Don't tell a man to dry up, now-a-

days, for the chances are that he is

pretty well dried up already, and such

a remark would only add insult to in-

jury.

The Phrenological Journal advises

young men in forming acquaintances

with females with a view to matrimony,

that they closely observe the child. We

suppose this is to ascertain whether or

not she will be able to furnish "chili

music" for the family. Young men,

make a note of this.

The Urbana Republican has a new

way of announcing births, to-wit: call-

ing them angel's visits. Admitting the

appropriateness of the illustration in

some aspects, it is hardly pertinent, so

far as being "few and far between" is

concerned.

It is a well known physiological

fact, that the cleanest people are the

longest lived and healthiest. Those that

appreciate this, look on Babbitt as a

public benefactor. B. T. Babbitt's Best

Soap leads the van everywhere, and once

used holds the monopoly.

Circuit Court resumed business this

afternoon at 1 o'clock. This being the

day set for the commencement of the

celebrated railroad case in which the

jury failed to agree at the May term of

court, it will doubtless be called up this

afternoon as soon as the hour for hear-

ing motions is over. We understand

that the same counsel will appear in the

case that managed it at the other trial.

The people in the south part of the

state are praying for rain. From ex-

changes printed in that region we learn

that many wells and cisterns are dry.

From this we infer that the heavy rains

which visited this part of the country

during the fall did not reach the south-

ern portion of the state.

And now the question is: "When

shall we celebrate Christmas eve—on

Saturday or on Sunday night?" We

don't care. Our stocking, as soon as

recovered from the laundry, will be found

in the proper place five days in advance

of Christmas. Contributions respect-

fully solicited.

An exchange sagely remarks: "We

observe that the greediest man after a

newspaper is the one who is too mean to

subscribe. He is always in waiting for

the last paper, and it is not two minutes

on the owner's premises till the non-sub-

scriber pounces upon it and never lets

up until the last line is read, and then

perhaps casts it aside with the remark

that "he could print a better paper him-

self." He can be called the "newspaper

jeerd," and there are others like unto

him. One of these is the chap who

steals newspapers from door steps, front

yards and other eligible locations, and

yet another is the fellow who subscribes

for a paper and refuses to pay for it.

All such will surely reach their own

reward—and it won't be an icy one.

Mueckley & Dodson are up with the

times in their supply of holiday goods.

They have just received large invoices

of notions of every description, which

will make nice Christmas gifts. Let

everybody go and see their stock before

purchasing. In the line of underwear,

gents' furnishing goods and hosiery;

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Churches and schools supplied with

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tivals at wholesale prices, by Culver &

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S. Einstein is still selling 10 yards

of Prints for \$1.00. dec18 dlv

Good Templars.—A full attendance

of the members of Decatur Lodge, I.

O. G. T., is requested this (Monday) eve-

ning, G. W. C., J. J. Seboski and R.

W. Crumpton, State Deputy, will be

present.

THEO. COLEMAN, W. C. T.

For Sale.—A second-hand coffee mill

for sale cheap. Inquire at the Tea

Store. Dec 18 dlv

Wanted.—A good girl to do the house-

work of a small family. Apply at this

office. 18 dlv

We have a nice line of Children's

Furs, which will be sold very cheap, at

Einstein's. dec18 dlv

The morning services at this place of

worship were well attended. The pas-

tor delivered an unusually earnest dis-

course from a part of 5th verse, 1st chap.

2d Peter "And to receive knowledge."

Remarking that the sermon in which these

Christian graces were named was no

matter of chance verbiage, but one fol-

lowing the other in just the manner

seeming to be necessary to the well-

rounded christian character. The sub-

ject was treated under the three heads

of experimental, revealed and secular.

He took occasion to remark that it is

the sincerest nonsense to say that a man

can pass from death unto life and not

know it; the knowledge of the love of

Jesus cannot be mistaken for anything

else. The knowledge of the strength of

faith is like the locomotive that will

carry us through the world if we make

proper use of it. Revealed and secular

knowledge was spoken of conjointly.

The professed christian who takes more

comfort in the fumes of an old pipe than

he does in gaining a knowledge of God's

revealed word, is a disgrace to the name

believes to assume. Secular knowledge

cannot be too extensive, but should be

supplemented by God's word revealed

to man.

In the evening the audience was not

large. The sermon was listened to with

great interest by those present. It was

based upon the words, "Where is the

guest chamber?" The condition of the

Savior of the world, who "had not

where to lay his head," was beautifully

set forth, as well as the application of

this inquiry to the human heart of to-

day.

The Sabbath school exercises were of

unusual interest; the hour being largely

taken up in preparation for the concert

to be given by the school Sunday next—

Christmas Eve.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Elder Haynes occupied the pulpit of

this church yesterday morning and eve-

ning as usual. In the morning he

preached a very interesting sermon on

Scripture found in the 9th chapter of

John's testimony; and in the evening

he delivered a very plain and practical

discourse on the 21st verse of the 12th

chapter of the Roman letter, "Be not

overcome of evil, but overcome evil with

good." The speaker gave some very

practical illustrations of overcoming

evil with evil, and showed plainly the

advantages of overcoming evil "with

good," as the Scripture commands us to

do. This discourse was listened to by a

large and attentive audience, and was

calculated to teach them some lessons of

great benefit.

Photography.—We have been shown

some exceedingly fine work in this line

by Mr. Tom Butler, which shows that

he knows exactly how to do it. Mrs.

Butler is confessedly the best "position-

er" in the State, and the two can turn

out as nice work in all the styles as can

be obtained at any gallery in the coun-

try. Persons wishing pictures should

leave orders a day in advance when prac-

ticable. They operate from 9 A. M. to

4 P. M.

"Bucking the Tiger."—As it is rum-

ored that certain young men in Decatur

inclined occasionally to try their

hand at "bucking the tiger," for their

special benefit we give below the experi-

ence of a Joliet lad in that line as

recorded in the Sun of that city, and

invite special attention to it on the

part of all young men who wish to

make the acquaintance of the ferocious

animal in question:

A Joliet young gent went to Chicago

on Wednesday, and thought he would

